

Citizens Clean Elections Commission
Executive Director Report
October 12, 2005 (for 10/20/05 meeting)

Announcements

- I have met with several members of the Legislature and have several more meetings scheduled. The meetings with both supporters and opponents of the Act have been quite helpful and worthwhile. I am eager to meet with any legislator who expresses an interest.

Participation

- We currently have **25** participating candidates for the 2006 election cycle.

Voter Education

- Fourth quarter Bulletin was distributed on 10/3.
- Approximately 800 letters and information brochures were sent to tax preparers across the state to remind them of the Clean Elections dollar-for-dollar tax credit.
- OMA is preparing the 2006 education plan - to be presented at the November 2005 commission meeting.
- October email blast went out last week.
- Deadline for debate sponsorship applications is 10/31. We have received one application to date, with the promise of more to come from previous sponsors.
- Two participating candidate workshops have been held. One treasurer workshop has been held. Attendance has been approximately 10-15 people per workshop, on average. The ads continue to run weekly in The Capitol Times and the postcards continue to be sent out on a regular basis.

5 Year Rule Review Update

- We have completed the first draft of the report. Our consultant, Dean Wright, is assisting us with the final document.

Staffing

- As you know, our Voter Education Manager Autumn Southard has announced her resignation. She has accepted a position with the Republican Caucus of the Pennsylvania State Senate. Autumn did a fantastic job and will certainly be missed. Paula is working with DOA to post the job vacancy.
- I have completed interviews for the Deputy Director position. I will have begun contacting references by the time you read this.
- We have received over 140 applications for the administrative assistant III position and Paula is reviewing the 25 applications that meet the job requirements. We will hire a replacement as soon as possible.

Enforcement

Enforcement tracking spreadsheet will be included in the packets for more detail. Here are the updated totals:

- 2006 - 2 complaints filed and no action was taken. I will be reviewing the 2006 complaints as they arise.
- 2004 - 79 complaints total. Gene Lemon is wrapping up 2004 enforcement matters.
 - 1 internally generated complaint under review (Dial).
 - 5 under investigation (Cheuvront, Udall, Hammann, Hernandez, & Murphy).
 - 3 investigations complete, OAH decision issued (Smith & Murchison) or settlement (Gowan).
 - 69 completed and closed.